## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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## Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 43 Emergency order 49

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an announcement for commercial permit holders in the Naknek/Kvichak Districts. The time is **12:00 p.m.** and the date is **Saturday, July 7, 2012**.

The midnight to 6:00 a.m. count for the Naknek River was 9,000 sockeye for a cumulative count of 650,000. The midnight to 6:00 a.m. count for the Kvichak River was 110,000 sockeye for a cumulative count of 1.9 million. The Kvichak inriver estimate is 500,000 sockeye.

Based on current catch and escapement information to the Naknek-Kvichak District; the projected total run to the Kvichak River is now 10.0 million sockeye salmon. Under the current escapement goal plan for the Kvichak River, the escapement goal is adjusted inseason to 50% of the total run. The department is changing the escapement goal to 5.0 million sockeye. Under this plan, the 48-hour transfer to the Naknek/Kvichak District will not be waived until 5.0 million sockeye have passed the tower.

The set net period in the Naknek/Kvichak District scheduled to end at 11:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7 will be extended an additional 25.0-hours and close at 12:00 a.m. Monday, July 9. The Naknek Section of the Naknek-Kvichak District will open for a 7-hour period from 5:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Sunday July 8, The Naknek-Kvichak District will open to drift gillnet gear for a 7.0-hour period from 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 7 until 12:00 a.m. Monday July 8.

The next scheduled announcement for the Naknek/Kvichak District will be 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 8.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon. Read on SSB 2509 and VHF 07: July 7, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.